



Old Town Historical Committee

Monday, June 14, 2010

5:45 PM

Minutes

Call to order: Dr. Bender called the meeting to order at 5:44pm.

Roll Call: Present for roll call were Dr. Bender, Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry and Mrs. Mershon.

Also, in attendance was Mr. Jarvis (Main Street Program), Mr. Garvin (Main Street Program), Mayor Ebert, Tony Note (Landmarks), Mike Ippoliti (Historical Society), Mr. Dutton (P&Z), Mr. Peoples and Mr. Strayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Mershon moved to approve the minutes of the May 10th, 2010 meeting; seconded by Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Dr. Bender, Mrs. Mershon, Mrs. Rush Ekelberry**

NAYS:

Motion carried.

Pended Items:

06-01 Interurban Building Update

Mr. Jarvis stated that Main Street and the Village have set down with the architect for the interior portion of the Interurban and the drafts are mostly in their final form. It is with the Village to review at this time. It will provide a material list and a better cost estimate for the rest of the project.

09-05 Town Hall Windows Update

Mr. Peoples stated that the comments from OHPO were not what they wanted to hear. They were under the assumption that we were replacing the existing storm windows with like for like, which was never the plan. We have sent back a clarification letter for review and are waiting for their response. Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry asked about the upper windows. Mr. Peoples stated that they would have to replace with the same as the original; blue bubble windows. Discussion ensued.

10-02 Canal Winchester Blues & Ribfest Update

There is nothing new to report at this time other than Berwick Glass and Mirror will be the sponsor of the second stage at Stradley Park.

10-03 Downtown Mural

Mr. Strayer stated that we had talked about putting together a panel to discuss the design of the mural. It was decided that Mr. Strayer would set up the meetings with Robert Warren, the possible artist. Once the design is decided, we will have a better idea of the cost and whether we can afford to use Mr. Warren or need another artist. Mayor Ebert pointed out that we need to have a guarantee that the mural won't peel off in a year and be a waste of money. Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry asked about the contractual agreement between the Village and the building owner. That has not been created as of yet.

10-05 Preservation Area Process Changes - Update

Mr. Strayer and the Mayor have spoken to some possible candidates for the committee, but not all. They are still in the process of creating the group of representatives.

New Items for Discussion

10-06 Signage

Mr. Peoples stated that this would be an open discussion about the park signage around town. Many are in poor condition. Signs engraved in plastic lumber are a possibility and we have a vendor that can supply those. The CW medallion logo could be used again and would last much longer than the current signs. It was asked the plastic lumber would be approved by Landmarks. Mr. Note suggested metal as an alternate material or no signage at all. Discussion ensued.

10-07 "Oley Speaks" Markers

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry stated that in 1965 the Village Council, including her father, decided that we should have markers on Rte. 33 at each end of the corporation to mark our birthplace and "Oley Speaks". In 1967, there was a dedication of the two signs on Rte. 33 that were donated by the owners of Canal Winchester Bank, which is now Chase Bank. The signs were there for 10-12 years before ODOT made them be taken down because they were too close to the road and very heavy. We still have the signs. She would like to have the signs re-erected either on Gender Rd or on Old Waterloo as you come into town. Mayor Ebert brought the issue of reflectivity standards from ODOT and that they would not pass. Discussion ensued as to where they could be placed that would be appropriate. It was decided that they would look into placing it on school property in front of the old school.

Old Business:

Nothing at this time.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Rush-Ekelberry moved to adjourn this meeting of the Old Town Committee and was seconded by Mrs. Mershon.

VOTE: **AYES:** **Dr. Bender, Mrs. Mershon, Mrs. Rush Ekelberry**

NAYS:

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18pm.